(d) if so, what concrete steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to revive the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHFTf V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) At any given point of time, some textile mills could be lying closed due to various reasons such as power supply, labour problem, excess capacity, lack of modernisation and technological upgradation, financial difficulties, etc. As per information collected as on 28-2-2002, 413 cotton man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) were lying closed in the country, out of which 91 mills were in Gujarat. Government does not maintain data regarding mills on the verge of closure.

(c) and (d) Government of Gujarat has informed that due to recent riots/disturbances in Ahmedabad, 11 small scale units have been damaged/affected with a loss of Rs. 82 lakhs approximately.

Government of Gujarat has taken the following steps to revive textile industry:

(i) A package of interest subsidy, exemption in electricity duty and sales tax deferment benefits for riot-affected units.

(ii) Industrial Policy—2000 provides for SSI units/service sector units interest subsidy, capital investment subsidy and financial assistance to medium and large scale projects for creating infrastructure facilities.

(iii) Budget provision of Rs. 67.78 crores during 2002-03 for promotion of apparel park, upgradation of powerloom and textile technology.

Proposal for setting up a Textiles Park by Government of Andhra Pradesh

5239. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to approve setting up a textile park by the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) In anticipation of the formal launch of the "Apparel Park for Exports" scheme, certain State Governments had forwarded project proposals for setting up of Apparel Parks in their respective States. Project Proposals had also been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up Apparel Parks at Visakhapatnam and Kuppam. The Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme has since come into operation *w.e.f.* 23.2.2002 and all such Project Proposals, including from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, would be considered by the Project Approvals Committee as per the guidelines of the Scheme.

Financial Assistance to NTC for Maintenance and Operation of Textile Mills

†5240. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided financial help for the maintenance and operation of textile mills of National Textile Corporation from the various sources for the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of financial help given to the textile mills by the Government during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of textile mills of National Textile Corporation where the production was going on during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) During the last three years, the Government has provided financial assistance only towards shortfall in wages & salaries and implementation of VRS in the form of loan as given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.